

REMARKS

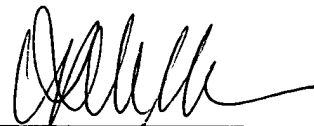
The present Amendment is submitted so as to be considered responsive to the outstanding office action, and is believed to clarify the invention further through the above amendments. To this end, claims 16, 17, 21, 37 50, 70, 86, 88 and 104 have been cancelled. A petition for a two (2) month extension of time and fee therefor are filed herewith.

Furthermore, Applicant elects to withdraw Group I claims (claims 1-20, 38-50, 69-86, and 87-104) and Group II claims (claims 51-68). Applicant hereby elects Group II claims (claims 21-37), without traverse. Additionally, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 804.01, non-elected claims Group I (e.g., claims 1-20, 38-50, 69-86, and 87-104, directed to the inventive method), although withdrawn as such herewith, are hereby amended to clarify formal particulars and so as to include the limitations of the product claims of Group II (e.g. claims 21-37, pending) so as to preserve the right to rejoinder of these method claims upon eventual allowance of said product claims. In any case, the above-referenced revisions, as well as the addition of the new claim 105, are all fully supported by the application as originally filed, as seen in Example 3, page 30, as well as on page 7 of the specification. As such, no new matter has been entered.

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Based upon the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for examination and favorable consideration is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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